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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

COSTIN, JAMES C.

Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 December 2002.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 4-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 4-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____ 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. The amendment filed December 9, 2002 has been received, entered and carefully considered. The amendment affects the instant application accordingly:
 - (A) Claims 4 and 6 have been amended.
 - (E) Comments regarding Office Action have been provided drawn to
 - (a) 102(e) rejection, which has been maintained for the reasons of record.
2. Claims 4-6 are pending in the case.
3. The text of those sections of title 35, U. S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. Claims 4-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Pfirrmann (US Patent No. 6,011,030) for the reasons already of record on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action mailed August 20, 2002.

Applicant's arguments filed December 9, 2002 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicants comments regarding the examiner's misinterpretation of toxin is noted. This is not seen to be controlling in the examiner's determination of anticipation.

The compound taurolidine is known. The compound is known to be useful when treating warm blooded animals with bacterial infections, wherein bacterial are known to contain plasmid material. Some of the bacterial in the prior art containing antibiotic resistance transferring capabilities may be treated with taurolidine. In contrast to applicant's assertions and as pointed out herein; when a claim recites using an old composition or structure (taurolidine) directed to a result or property of that composition or structure (e.g. treating patients infected with resistance transferring bacterial) then the claim is anticipated. See MPEP 2112.02.

While the prior art disclosure may be silent as to the "plasmids or genes or the bacteria to bacterial transfer of either" per se; the instant claims merely recite newly discovered results of "preventing the transfer of plasmid material confirming resistance

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from bacteria to bacteria infections. The claim language is a statement of purpose and intended result and does not result in a manipulative difference in the method steps of the claims, wherein taurolidine is administered to a warm blooded animal harboring a vancomycin resistant strain of bacteria. Arguments that the invention is one of prevention is not convincing. There is not seen the administration of the active agent to a non-bacteria infected warm blooded animal. Applicant has not distinguished how the warm blooded animals of the prior art method represent an alternative population of recipients of the anti-bacterial effects of taurolidine. Accordingly, the rejection of Claims 4-6 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Pfirrmann (US Patent No. 6,011,030) is maintained for the reasons of record.

Summary

2. All the pending claims are rejected.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Examiner's Telephone Number, Fax Number, and Other Information

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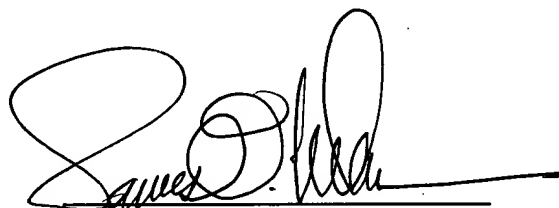
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Everett White whose telephone number is (703) 308-4621. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James O. Wilson, can be reach on (703) 308-4624. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 308-4556.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.

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